



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia
- Regional Organisations in Asia-Pacific
- Industry, private sector, academia dealing with telecommunications/ICTs

Subject: **ITU Regional Development Forum for the Asia-Pacific Region on “Smartly Digital Asia-Pacific”, Bangkok, Thailand, 21-22 August 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Development Forum for Asia-Pacific Region (RDF-ASP 2015) on “Smartly Digital Asia-Pacific” to be organised by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand. The Forum will be held at IMPACT Exhibition & Convention Center in Bangkok from 21-22 August 2015 which will be succeeded by the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on e-Government, 19-20 August 2015 at the same venue in Bangkok. Both the events will take place in conjunction with the Bangkok International ICT EXPO 2015 during 18-23 August 2015. The Forums are hosted by the Government of Kingdom of Thailand with support from the Department of Communications, Australian Government.

Regional Development Forums provide a great opportunity for high level dialogue between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and decision makers of the ITU Member States and Sector Members. They serve as platforms for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on BDT's regional work plan in between the telecommunications development conferences. In this context, these Forums will report on the activities of the Dubai Action Plan, with particular emphasis on regional initiatives in order to get feedback from membership to adjust BDT's work accordingly in the regions.

The RDF-ASP 2015 will address in detail the five regional initiatives approved by the WTDC-14, providing members with an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices in the implementation of these initiatives as well as the Connect Asia-Pacific Summit 2013 outcomes. The Forum will also have tracks dedicated to digital financial inclusion, ICT applications, human capacity building, Green ICTs etc.

The RDF-ASP 2015 will be conducted in English. Please note that all the information related to the Forum, including presentations and practical information will be available on the ITU website at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2015/August-RDF2015/home.aspx>

No participation fee is required for this event. To participate, please register online using the link aforementioned.

ITU is pleased to provide one full fellowship for the Forum to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from the Least Developed Countries and eligible Low-Income Developing Countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, subject to available budget. The last date for fellowship application is 21 July 2015. The fellowship application form as well as other details will be soon available on the ITU event website above.

As regards the RDF-ASP 2015, Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, ITU Regional Office, is at your full disposal should you require any further information: E mail: [Sameer.sharma@itu.int](mailto:Sameer.sharma@itu.int) Tel: +66 2 575 0055, Fax +66 2 575 3507 or Ms Kaewklao Utairatanakit, E-mail: [kaewklao.u@mict.go.th](mailto:kaewklao.u@mict.go.th); Tel: +66 2141 6899, Fax: +66 2143 8029 from Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that ITU will also organize the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Regulators Roundtable during 24-25 August 2015 and International Training Programme 2015 during 26-28 August 2015, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Invitations for these other events will be sent separately.

I look forward to your active participation and contribution to the success of events.

Yours faithfully,



Brahima Sanou  
Director